

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07  
JUSE-00 NSAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00 USIA-06 NSC-05  
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P 021200Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 861

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJKT: YARG POLICY CONCERNING MARIHUANA

REFERENCE: STATE 057902

1. POSSESSION, USE AND/OR DISTRIBUTION MARIHUANA NOT  
COVERED BY YARG CRIMINAL STATUTES.

2. SHARIA (RELIGIOUS) LAW, WHICH PROHIBITS USE OF  
INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES, HAS ON OCCASION BEEN INVOKED  
BY AUTHORITIES TO DETER LARGE SCALE DISTRIBUTION. UNDER  
THIS POLICY, SMALL NUMBER OF VIOLATORS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED  
EACH YEAR SINCE 1964, WITH SENTENCES RUNNING FROM 6 MONTHS  
TO ONE YZKBGM AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE PROBABLE CAUSE,  
GUILT/INNOCENCE, AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE IS VESTED SOLELY  
WITH POLICE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES AND  
APPEARS NOT TO CONSITUTUE MORE THAN MARGINAL FRACTION OF  
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY.

3. YEMENI USE OF MARIHUANA (ARBIC WORD STRANGELY  
ENOUGH IS "HASHISH") NOT WIDESPREAD IN COMPARISON TO  
U.S. CONSUMPTION PATTERNS, YET REMAINS DRUG OF CHOICE  
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FOR A CERTAIN SMALL SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION. IT IS  
SMOKED STRAIGHT OR BLENDED WITH TOBACCO, IN CIGARETTE  
FORM OR, LESS FREQUENTLY, IN PIPES.  
SCOTES

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
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**Decaption Note:**  
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**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
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